

HOUSE BILL 621

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Environmental Matters/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* —

Introduced by **Delegates Haynes, Anderson, Branch, Carter, Clippinger, Conaway, Glenn, Gutierrez, Mitchell, Oaks, B. Robinson, Stukes, Tarrant, and Washington**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Fire Safety – High–Rise Buildings – Mobility Impaired Individuals**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the owner of a residential high–rise building with rental
4 units to provide a certain annual notice to ~~individuals who are mobility~~
5 ~~impaired~~ all residents of the residential high–rise building of the right of of
6 mobility impaired individuals to request certain rental units when certain units
7 in the building become available; defining ~~certain terms~~ a certain term; and
8 generally relating to fire safety in high–rise buildings.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Public Safety
11 Section 9–401
12 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 (2003 Volume and 2010 Supplement)

2 BY adding to
3 Article – Public Safety
4 Section 9–405
5 Annotated Code of Maryland
6 (2003 Volume and 2010 Supplement)

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
8 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

9 **Article – Public Safety**

10 9–401.

11 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

12 (b) (1) “High–rise building” means a building for human occupancy that
13 is:

14 (i) four or more stories above grade level; or

15 (ii) over 45 feet in height.

16 (2) “High–rise building” does not include:

17 (i) a structure or building used exclusively for open air parking;
18 or

19 (ii) a building used exclusively for agricultural purposes.

20 (c) “Local fire department” means a career or volunteer fire department.

21 (d) **“MOBILITY IMPAIRED” MEANS UNABLE TO CARRY OBJECTS OR TO**
22 **MOVE OR TRAVEL WITHOUT THE USE OF AN ASSISTIVE DEVICE OR SERVICE**
23 **ANIMAL.**

24 (E) “Public way” means a paved thoroughfare over 21 feet in width that:

25 (1) is located on privately owned and privately maintained property
26 but is designated for public use; or

27 (2) is publicly owned and publicly maintained.

28 **9–405.**

1 ~~FOR FIRE SAFETY PURPOSES, THE OWNER OF A RESIDENTIAL HIGH-RISE~~
 2 ~~BUILDING WITH RENTAL UNITS SHALL PROVIDE REASONABLE WRITTEN NOTICE~~
 3 ~~TO A RESIDENT WHO IS MOBILITY IMPAIRED OF THE RESIDENT'S RIGHT TO~~
 4 ~~REQUEST A RENTAL UNIT ON THE FIRST FIVE FLOORS OF THE HIGH-RISE~~
 5 ~~BUILDING IF ONE SHOULD BECOME AVAILABLE.~~

6 FOR FIRE SAFETY PURPOSES, THE OWNER OF A RESIDENTIAL HIGH-RISE
 7 BUILDING WITH RENTAL UNITS SHALL PROVIDE REASONABLE WRITTEN NOTICE
 8 ANNUALLY TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE RESIDENTIAL HIGH-RISE BUILDING TO
 9 INFORM RESIDENTS WHO ARE MOBILITY IMPAIRED OF THEIR RIGHT TO REQUEST
 10 A RENTAL UNIT ON THE FIRST FIVE FLOORS OF THE HIGH-RISE BUILDING IF ONE
 11 SHOULD BECOME AVAILABLE.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 13 October 1, 2011.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.